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Springhill Lake Celebrates 20th!

by Glynese Echols

"Springhill Lake is a 'little town' that's all about people living together in harmony," explains Gus Ormrod, Executive Vice President of Community Realty. The apartment complex is celebrating its 20th birthday this year, and it has been 20 years of success.

The groundbreaking ceremonies for Springhill Lake occurred on Friday, July 6, 1962 and within a year, 1000 residents moved into the first section. Five years later, Springhill Lake housed approximately 10,000 people, and now, in 1983, almost half the population of the City of Greenbelt lives in Springhill Lake.

The apartment complex covers about 200 acres, 32 of which is open space. There are 29 playgrounds, six basketball courts, six tennis courts and many interior courtyards formed by clusters of apartment buildings. Not only do these interior yards conform to the Master Plan for the City of Greenbelt which calls for "residential areas buffered from industrial and commercial areas by landscaping, open space, fences and major thoroughfares and/or other means," it also provides residents with a serene, pleasant atmosphere. Calpernia Veneman, a 20-year resident says, "living in Springhill Lake is like living in a park."

The grassy areas, playground, and 3-acre lake are maintained by an "outstanding grounds crew" according to Martha Sutton, Social Director of the Springhill Lake Development. Sutton also advocates the existence of greenery by providing residents with free flowering

plants in the spring. She explains, "people are happier when things look nice and the place is beautiful." Sutton and Springhill Lake residents have been successful in keeping the community lovely, and have earned the Beautification Award given by Prince Georges County for two consecutive years.

The Springhill Lake development has 2,899 apartment units ranging from one bedroom to four bedroom townhouses. There are nine sections: the first section, bounded by Edmonston Road and Springhill Drive was the first to be completed. The complex developed over 4 years and ended with the completion of section nine.

There are several adult buildings in the community, a section where pets are allowed, a section in which residents have washers and dryers inside their apartments and a section in which residents pay their own electric

bill. "This way," says Ormrod, "residents can have air conditioning during the winter if they want to."

Community Realty manages Springhill Lake, which is approximately one-third of their business. Community Realty manages 14 complexes — including Green Ridge House — with a total of about 9500 units.

"Little Town"

Springhill Lake is often referred to as a "little town." The term is accurate because the community has almost every characteristic of a town. There is an elementary school, a middle school, a city-owned Recreation Center, a shopping center with a pharmacist, a dentist, a beauty salon and a fast food restaurant, and three office buildings, the last of which was completed in early April. Most of the residents find

Happy 20th Birthday / Springhill Lake!

And Happy anniversary to: Francis Loskill, Ellen Linson, Barbara and Earl Clawson, David Miller, Evelyn Scali, Frances Krainer, Lillian McKinzie, Leonard Kleinberg, Calpernia Veneman, James and Teresa Scullen, Roberta Fisk, Christine Alexander, Peter and Vera Lepanto and family and Angeline Lorenz, the 20-year residents.



Owners and city officials break ground for Springhill Lake Apartments on July 6, 1962.

these public service facilities major assets of Springhill Lake, and remain here because they exist. Veneman agrees, "everything you need is right here. It's been very convenient and perfect for me."

Springhill Lake has changed demographically over the years. During the 1960's, most of the residents were couples with families and young professionals. Now, many of the families have moved and are being replaced by young single people and students. The students, according to Ormrod, are staying on, even after graduating, and the professionals who lived here in the early years are still here, yielding a very diverse age group. Ormrod expresses his theory, "People enjoy their leisure time. With one rent check, they have everything they need insofar as maintenance is concerned. They can be at ease and have time to golf or swim or whatever they want to do. You don't have that luxury when you own your own home."

Roberta Fisk, another 20-year resident says that the mixture of ages is something she loves most about Springhill Lake. "People here, no matter what their age,

are very friendly. I like having the young people around. They make me feel younger."

Few Problems

Even though Springhill Lake is a huge apartment complex, it hasn't had very many problems. Ormrod says, "I'm amazed at how few problems Springhill Lake has. When you compare the number of people and problems with other developments, our problems are far less."

Ormrod explained that in a development so large, it is impossible to solve problems and make changes immediately, so they work on major dilemmas one at a time. "Each year, we overcome some longstanding problem."

An example of this process is the transportation and parking problems which existed in the early years of the community, when Edmonston Road was the only entrance and exit into Springhill Lake. Finally, Cherrywood Lane was opened and new parking lots were paved.

Security has not been a problem. However, with the increase in size of the community, many feel that new metal and glass doors with locks should be installed.

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Council Reviews Police Budget; Hears Radio Communication Problems

by Mavis Fletcher

With a proposed police budget edging above the \$1 million level, the subject which got the most attention at the work session on the public safety budget on May 9 was not even in the budget. During the session, council members learned, apparently for the first time, about radio communication deficiencies that sometimes prevent officers who have entered local commercial buildings from communicating with their base station.

Whether this deficiency arises from the steel-and-concrete construction of most of the newer commercial buildings or from deficiencies of an aging radio repeater system was not definitely decided. But Mayor Gil Weidenfeld expressed surprise that such a communications problem exists. Councilman Richard Pilski, also apparently surprised, requested data on the breakdown record of the present repeater system. Weidenfeld summed up the problem by saying that information is needed to determine whether the present system needs to be replaced or whether additional repeater systems are needed to insure reliable police communications.

The police budget proposed by City Manager James K. Giese does not provide for any additional police officers. However, establishment of the position of Deputy Chief of Police is proposed. With Police Chief William T. Lane's announced intention of retiring in little more than a year, it is intended that the Deputy Chief will then become Chief. The choosing of a Deputy Chief early in the fiscal year would allow for an orderly transition.

The budget provides, however, for an additional police cadet to join the program, which currently has one member. Police cadets are high school graduates under the age of 21 who wish to be-

come police officers when they have attained the required minimum age. They can serve as relief dispatcher, on park patrol, in parking enforcement, with house checks and with records and reports.

The proposed budget would also implement and evaluate a pilot program for scheduling officers on fixed shifts of 10-hours each. It would provide funds for evaluating and selecting a com-

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What Goes On

Mon. - Fri. May 23 - 27, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Pool Passes on Sale, Finance Dept., Municipal Building.

Mon., May 23, 8 p.m. Public Hearing on City Budget, Municipal Building.

Tues., May 24, 7:30 p.m. Greenbelt Historical Society, Youth Center.

Wed., May 25, 8 p.m. Council work session. Master Plan, Bike Trails and Traffic Study. Municipal Building.

Wed., May 25, 8 p.m. GHI Energy - Management Workshop, GHI office, Hamilton Pl.

Thurs. May 26, 8 p.m. GHI Organizational meeting, Hamilton Pl.

'Pops' Concert

The Eleanor Roosevelt High School jazz band and orchestra will perform Friday night, May 20, at 8 p.m. in the school cafeteria. The orchestra will play a medley from the 20s. The jazz band will play music featured in their Bermuda International competition. Selections such as "Peter Gunn" and "Moonlight Serenade" will be among the evening's fare.

Tickets will be sold at the door for a nominal price which will include dessert. Tables seat eight and attendees are advised to come early.



Notice of Public Hearings and Special Meeting

The City Council has scheduled a Public Hearing for consideration of a proposed ordinance to provide for special assessments improvements at the Maryland Trade Center, to be held

MONDAY, MAY 23, 1983 - 7:30 P.M.

in the City Council Room, Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Immediately following the Public Hearing, Council will hold a Special Meeting to consider the Ordinance for second reading and final passage. At the Special Meeting, Council will also consider an Ordinance to authorize and empower the City of Greenbelt to issue and sell General Obligation Special Assessment Bonds in an amount of not more than \$1,000,000.

All interested citizens are invited to attend the hearing. Copies of the proposed ordinance will be available at the Public Hearing, or may be obtained prior to the hearing at the City Offices, 25 Crescent Road - Tel: 474-3870 or 474-8000.

and

The City Council will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed budgets for Fiscal Year 1982/83 for the General Fund, Revenue Sharing Fund and each of the other city funds on

MONDAY, MAY 23, 1983 - 8 P.M.

in the Council Room, Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland. Copies of the proposed budgets will be available at the Public Hearing or may be obtained at the City Offices during regular office hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Dogs . . . A Serious Matter

Last week one of our News Review carriers, while on her regular route, was bitten by a dog at a residence where she was making a delivery. The incident, which is most regrettable, should never have happened. It goes without saying that our carriers, whose dedication persists through the unpleasantness of inclement weather and in the dark of winter nights, should never have to endure confrontation with free-ranging, aggressive dogs.

Our patrons are herewith reminded that no News Review carrier is expected to make deliveries in a court where a dog is permitted to run free. These young people have been performing an important service for our community and for this paper. We desire in no way to curtail that contribution, but their own safety must be our paramount concern.

Greenbelt Day Coming

Greenbelt will celebrate the 46th anniversary of its founding and incorporation on Sunday, June 5. The first weekend in June is traditionally celebrated with a host of community programs, special events, and a wide range of recreational activities. All events are open to the public.

All Greenbelt organizations, groups, clubs, and businesses are invited to take part in the festivities. Participation could take the form of a special program observing Greenbelt's past, present, or future, which could be included in the published weekend schedule of events. Contact the Greenbelt Recreation Department Business Office, weekdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at 474-6878 for additional details.

Events already scheduled for the weekend of June 3, 4, and 5, include the Anniversary Address by the mayor and city council and a performance of the Greenbelt Concert Band of Prince Georges County on the Roosevelt Center Mall. There will be special events at the Municipal Swimming Pool, a teen dance, plus weekend tennis, golf, and softball tournaments. Additional events will be table games, the Recreation Center's Open House, city historical displays, and an Arts and Crafts Fair by the Cultural Arts Center to benefit the Utopia Theater.

PWP Orientation

PWP Nomad Chapter 1192 (Parents Without Partners) will hold a free prospective-membership orientation on Friday, May 20, at 8 p.m. at the Greenbelt American Legion hall.

Single parents (separated, divorced, widowed and single) are eligible. A dance will follow the meeting.

Another chapter meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 24. Free snacks will be provided. For information call Dick at 474-8877 or 474-0289.

CORRECTION

An unfortunate typographical error in last week's News Review story on the METRO completely altered the meaning of a sentence, which said that the Prince Georges Plaza station would be "closed" to the University of Maryland. The sentence should have said that "University of Maryland students would not use the alternative station proposed by the College Park council because the Prince Georges Plaza station would be closer . . ." The News Review regrets the error.

Cesarean Prevention Lecture at Library

Avoiding Unnecessary Repeat Cesareans and Cesarean Prevention will be the topic of a free lecture presented by the Bradley Method of Childbirth Education Saturday, May 28 at 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Library. For further information, call 474-2762.

Correction

Last week's story on the GHI annual meeting and election identified Board candidate June Didas as having "not yet held an elected position in GHI." Didas served as a member of the Nominations and Elections Committee for 1982-83 to which she was elected at last year's annual meeting. The News Review regrets the error.

Local Historian to Address Greenbelt Historical Society

Alan Virta, local historian, will address the Greenbelt Historical Society on Tuesday, May 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room at the Youth Center.

The subject of Virta's talk will be "Others Besides English" who settled in the State of Maryland.

Science Enrichment At Owens Center

Thirty science enrichment classes ranging from "Computers and Turtles" to "Cells and Wee Beasts" will be offered this summer to elementary and middle school students through the Prince Georges County Public Schools.

Registrations are now being accepted at the Howard B. Owens Science Center located at 9601 Greenbelt Road in Lanham. All classes will be held at the science center with a few computer courses offered for the first time at Crossland High School.

Students in grades one through nine may enroll in the five-day classes for two hours a day. A schedule of classes is available by calling 577-8718.

Tuition must be paid upon registration by cash, certified check or money order. No personal checks will be accepted.

Registrations for county residents may be brought to the science center from 9 a.m. to 12 noon now through June 3.

Little League News

Little League games are played every evening at 6 p.m. at McDonald Field behind 7 Court, Southway. Refreshments are sold at the games.

T-Ball games are Wednesdays at 5 p.m. at North End and Saturdays at 5 p.m. at Braden Field. League standings are: A's, 4-1; Giants, 4-1; Indians, 3-2; Cardinals, 3-2; Lions, 2-4; Cubs, 2-4; and Orioles, 1-4.

Patricia Fann

Patricia Day Fann, a member of one of the first families of Greenbelt, died at her home in Takoma Park on Monday, May 9.

She is survived by her mother, Elizabeth Day Pentrack, Magnolia Gardens Nursing Home in Lanham; father, Carl T. Day, Milan, Missouri; sister, Jean Staats, Lanham; Carol Lundregan, Greenbelt; and a twin brother, Richard (Bucky) Day, College Park. Pat and Dick were the first twins to graduate from the Greenbelt Elementary School in 1939 and Pat will be remembered as the Queen of Greenbelt High School in 1943. Many of the old "Greenbelters" will remember Pat as one of the first young women to work in the Prince Georges Suburban Trust Bank, Greenbelt Branch, in the '50's (now called Suburban Bank).

TV Star to Shine In Police Event

The highlight of National Police Week will be the appearance of "Hill Street Blues" star Charles Haid on Saturday, May 21 at 2 p.m. at the Greenbelt Plaza Mall. The event, which started on May 16, will continue through May 21, and is sponsored by the Greenbelt Police Department and the Beltway Plaza Mall.

More than 25 local county, state and federal law enforcement organizations are participating in the event. Special demonstrations feature the Prince Georges County SWAT team, the K personnel, a motorcycle drill team, and others. Each evening at 7 p.m. through Friday, there will be a special event in connection with the exhibit. In addition, the Greenbelt Police Department will offer parents the opportunity to participate in the department's Ident-A-Kid Program. Each day from 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. during National Police Week, Greenbelt Police personnel will provide parents with materials to make a personal identification package that could be used in case their child is lost.

Buikema-Birner

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Buikema of Clarendon Hills, Ill., announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Betty Jean, to Andrew Edward Birner, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Edward Birner of Greenbelt. Betty and Andrew, graduates of Hope College, Holland, Mich., will be married June 25 in Roselle, Ill. Pastor Birner and Paul Birner will officiate.

The organ will be played by Jonathan Birner and Joel Birner will be a groomsman. Andrew and Betty plan a trip to Germany after the wedding and then will reside in Wheeling, Ill., where Andrew is employed at Zenith Radio Corp.

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Recreation Review

Swimming Pool Passes

Season passes for the Municipal Swimming Pool are now on sale at the Treasurer's Office, Municipal Building, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Mowatt Memorial

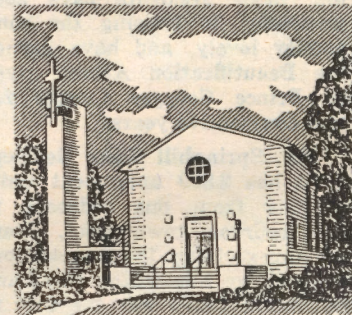
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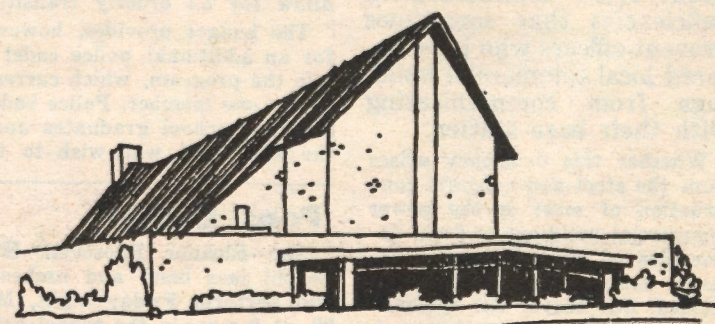
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Contract Negotiating Okayed On GHI Masonry Home Repairs

by Mavis Fletcher

With President James Smith presiding for the last time, the GHI Board of Directors dispatched its business quickly in the regular meeting on May 12. Sitting as the board of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Development Corporation, the group, following a motion by Director Wayne Williams, authorized management to negotiate a contract with Lyons Associates, Inc., for engineering work on structural repairs on the masonry units. A bid of \$62,000 was placed on the contract in an amendment by Director Frank Gervasi. The price, however, should be less than that ceiling unless all the "worst case" assumptions about foundation damage prove to be true. Lyons Associates, Inc., was one of two firms submitting bids on the job.

Turning to the GHI agenda, the board first heard a presentation by William Stratton, representing a group of families who intend to form a corporation and purchase a tract of land known as Parcel 4 in order to develop it as their own home sites. Stratton presented drawings and general site plans, which showed that the tract would be divided into 14 single-family home lots ranging in size from 1/2 to 3/4 acres. This tract, which is in the area of Research and Ridge Roads, is adjacent to the 7 and 9 Courts of Research. Stratton, whose appearance was intended to update GHI on the group's plan, said that many of the group are already Greenbelt residents.

The board voted unanimously to deny the request of a former GHI member for an exception which would have allowed him to participate in the financing made available (primarily to first-time home buyers) from the sale of bonds by the Prince Georges County Housing Authority. General Manager Tim Mitter explained the corporate obligation to buy back the mortgages if the loans made to non-first-time-buyers ever rose above 10% of the total outstanding loans. The board obviously was unwilling to take those risks and the request was denied.

Among other business the board approved a one-year extension of the two-year contract between GHI and GHIDC for Phase II work. According to the corporation counsel's opinion, a 1-year extension of the contract did not require membership approval.

Garage Survey

The board also heard details on a survey of garages which need repair. The survey turned up about \$72,000 worth of work in repairs and painting that need to be done. However, in addition, an estimated 300 roofs need replacement — at a projected cost of a half million dollars. At the insistence of Director Gervasi that a start could be made immediately on repairs on garage fronts by using money reserved for that purpose, management was directed to return with an estimate of how much of the reserve could be used and still cover owner repair requests for the rest of the year.

Because of the low demand, the board voted unanimously to relinquish its option on Housing and Urban Development Section 8 funds. Management was instructed to notify HUD that the option was not being exercised because restrictions currently placed on participation in the Section 8 program make it unattractive. According to the management statements, only 41 persons applied for the Section 8 subsidy, although 400 were certified as eligible. Current Section 8 money differs from 'old' Section 8 money in that the latter was,

in effect, a grant, whereas the current arrangement is that of a loan with deferred payments.

The meeting ended with President Smith's expressions of gratitude for the opportunity to be a part of the GHI board and a part of Greenbelt. Board members expressed their appreciation for his dedication to GHI.



GH BOARD MEETING

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

Thursday
May 26, 1983
8:00 p.m.

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Certification of Elections
3. Reorganization & Election of Officers
4. Approval of Membership Applications
5. Visitors & Members
6. Manager
7. Committees
8. President
9. Board Members

Auditions for Simon Play

The Greenbelt Players will hold auditions for Neil Simon's *I Ought to Be in Pictures*, Saturday, May 21, 1-3 p.m. and Monday, May 23, 7-9 p.m. at the Utopia Theater, 129 Centerway. Roles: one woman, age 30-45 one man, age 40-50; and one girl, age 19. The play will be held three weekends in July. For information, call 345-4487.

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REGISTRATION: May 19 - 24, Youth Center Business Office, weekdays, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
FEES: Singles - Resident \$5
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Doubles - \$7/team

For further information, contact Greenbelt Recreation Department, 474-6878

GHI PRESENTS

an
ENERGY MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

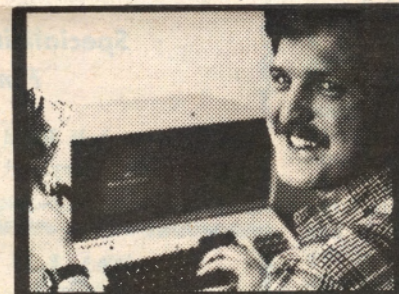
May 25, 8-9:30 p.m.

GHI Board Room

This month's Energy Management Workshop focus is "How to Effectively Cool & Air Condition." A speaker from PEPCO will begin the workshop. Energy saving information will be available and a GHI staff member will be present to answer members' questions. GHI members are encouraged to attend.

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High Point Class of '63 To Hold 20th Reunion

The High Point High School Class of 1963 will hold its 20-year reunion at the Sheraton-Lanham on Saturday, August 13. Class members who have not been contacted, please call Bill and Robin Zier Alexander at 937-1209, or call High Point at 937-1000.

Roosevelt to Hold Awards Assembly

Eleanor Roosevelt High School will hold its Seventh Annual Awards Ceremony honoring student achievements in the academics and the arts on Monday, May 23, at 7 p.m. in the school auditorium. Approximately 45 students will be recognized for achievements within the school as well as in regional and national competitions. Distinguished guests will include Prince Georges County Executive, Parris Glendening; Mayor of Greenbelt, Gil Weidenfeld; Lesley Kreimer, Board of Education; and Conrad Koch, Assistant Superintendent of Prince Georges County Public Schools. The program will be videotaped for rebroadcast on Storer Cable. Refreshments will be served following the ceremony. The public is invited to participate in honoring its students.

Police Blotter

compiled by Mavis Fletcher
Cpl. Michael D. Craddock arrested four non-resident Eleanor Roosevelt Senior High School students on May 12 and charged them with carrying a concealed deadly weapon. The Greenbelt police department had received a look-out from the county police about the suspects. The four suspects were observed carrying a black bag in which a handgun was concealed. Cpl. Craddock followed the suspects, observed them as they attempted to dispose of the bag, retrieved it and confronted the suspects. Later, all four suspects made statements to Det./Cpl. Terrence M. McGrath and Det./Sgt. Ernest W. Brumley about how they obtained the gun.

As a result of a stake-out, two local youths were arrested by Cpl. Daniel P. O'Neil and Pfc. Gregory E. Lynn for breaking into autos in the St. Hugh's parking lot. The police expect that these arrests may lessen the rash of auto thefts in the St. Hugh's area.

An armed robbery occurred in Best's in Beltway Plaza on May 14 in the morning. The suspect pulled a handgun from under his jacket and threatened a clerk. Jewelry was taken.

There was an attempted breaking and entering in the Lakewood area last week. A window was broken but entry was not made into the house.

CARES Offers G.E.D.

Greenbelt CARES Youth Services is offering persons a chance to get their high school diploma. Starting June 7, CARES will provide free classes to prepare for the General Education Development (G.E.D.) Exam. Instruction will be given in the five test areas—Math, Social Studies, Science, Literature and Grammar, as well as in test taking skills. The only requirements for enrollment are to be officially withdrawn from school and 16 years old or older. These classes will be given Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to noon at the Greenbelt CARES offices. To reserve a seat, as class size is limited, or for more information, please call Johnnie at Greenbelt CARES at 345-6660.

Concert at Northwestern

The Prince Georges Philharmonic will present the final concert of its 1982-83 season on Saturday, May 21 at 8 p.m. at Northwestern High School, 7000 Adelphi Road, Hyattsville. The program will include music by Barber, Mozart, and Rimsky-Korsakov.

Nineteen-year-old pianist Mark Clinton, recipient of numerous prizes and awards, will be the featured soloist in Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 23 in A, K. 488. Jan Turkiewicz of Greenbelt is the Philharmonic's concert master.

For further information call 699-2540 or 779-7360.

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puter system to store and retrieve police records and produce reports for increased efficiency. Some expansion of training goals is provided for, as is the purchase of several patrol vehicles.

FOP Requests

Spokesman for the Fraternal Order of Police, Sgt. James R. Craze, supported the proposal to institute fixed shifts for police officers, stating that rotating shifts are a source of stress for police officers. He also presented arguments for an increase in hospitalization insurance premium payments by the city, citing a study which shows that Greenbelt ranks in the bottom 13% of municipalities with population between 10-25,000 in provision of health insurance coverage. Greenbelt currently pays 2/3 of the premium; the FOP requests that the city pay the entire premium.

Craze also said that the FOP is disappointed with the modest cost-of-living increase proposed in the budget. The FOP hopes for 3% above the actual cost of living increase to help recoup some of the losses in real income during the inflationary period since the mid-70's. FOP concerns included increased funds for training. The proposed \$3500 allotted for this purpose was considered inadequate for a department of 30 officers. Councilman Pilski raised the question of obligated service to the city after an officer receives special training. Craze agreed that such a commitment would be acceptable.

Alarm System

In addition to the proposed police budget, council heard a request from Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad Chief Mike Dutton for replacement of an alarm system which is installed in city buildings (Green Ridge House, the warehouse and the recreation centers in Greenbelt Center and Springhill Lake). The system dates from the early 60's and is not adequate for present demands, according to Dutton.

Dutton had arranged for a demonstration of a modern system. Marty Klos and Mark Waters of Motorola demonstrated their company's INTRAC 2000 Alarm and Signaling System which, in addition to providing fire alarms, would monitor temperature level, intrusions, opening of secured doors and operation of electrical circuits. The system can handle 512 remote units. The central control station would be monitored on a 24-hour basis by police personnel. The cost of the system would be in excess of \$30,000. The capacity of this system would probably far exceed that required by the city. Council discussed the possibility of interesting the business community in sharing such a system (and its costs).

The public safety budget also includes funds for animal control. This budget proposal would strengthen animal control services of the city, primarily because of concern about rabies. The budget provides funds to hire a second part-time warden and increases the number of hours of patrol. The purchase of a van truck to be used by the animal wardens is also proposed.

CITY NOTES

Backfill was placed behind new sidewalk on Crescent Road in front of the Firehouse and holes were filled in the shoulder of Northway Road between Ridge and Hillside Roads. The roof was repaired on the bike garages.

New light fixtures were installed in the Youth Center and light fixtures repaired at the pool. The roof of the bathhouse was repaired.

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led on every building. This change is currently underway. As Ormrod indicates, "We can't do it all immediately, but we are working on replacing the heavy wooden doors with glass aluminum ones."

In addition to excellent maintenance and beautiful grounds, Springhill Lake has extensive social activities. In the early days, many of these activities were civic associations including Democratic and Republican Clubs. The Springhill Lake community was a "political playground" for many residents. Mayor Gil Weidenfeld was a resident of Springhill Lake during this strong political era.

Now, the social activities have changed. According to Sutton, "there are more classes now, mostly physical fitness classes like aerobic dancing and karate. There's jazz, tap and ballet for little girls. Baseball teams, swim teams and boy scouts for the little boys."

The social program in the community is very successful and Gus Ormrod attributes the success to "a highly professional staff."

There are no expansion plans for the future; there is no land left to develop. And as for those who are wondering whether Springhill Lake will go condo, as Ormrod stated earlier,

with one rent check, you get every convenience you could ask for. But, he also adds, "There isn't anyone who wouldn't sell if the price was right."

The residents currently living in Springhill Lake would want to stay even if Springhill Lake went condo. As Christine Cummins, a nurse and 2½ year resident says, "I like this place so much that if they did go condo, I'd buy this very apartment."

Springhill Lake begins 20th anniversary festivities at 4 p.m. on Friday, May 20. Between 4 and 8 residents and guests who purchase a ticket can participate in a barbecue and several different outdoor activities such as clogging, and juggling and enjoy the music and entertainment of a Blue Grass band, a barber shop quartet and magicians. At dusk (about 8 p.m.), the celebration will continue in the Community House with a dance.

GHI NOTES

Replacement of crawl space vents in frame homes is beginning. Members will receive a letter about one week before and a door hanger notice the day before work starts on their row. Workmen will not need to enter homes for this work. However, members will need to move items in the work area. For further information, call the GHI hotline (474-6644).

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Greenbelt Tennis Association News

The Greenbelt Tennis Association's first tournament of 1983 has been considered a success—even though not all events are complete. Bob Dies won the men's "B" division and Inge Harbaugh marched through the women's "A" division to come out on top. The other results will be reported next week.

The Memorial Day tournament is just around the corner, beginning May 29.

The City Recreation Department has applications. Co-sponsoring the event are the city and GTA.

The GTA is planning a wine and cheese theme for its next general membership meeting, Friday, June 17. A picnic is scheduled for July. These events are usually at little or no cost to members. Tennis players and fans are urged to join GTA. Call 345-6557 (Jim) or 345-3162 (Bob) for an application and information.

Concert Band Is Videotaped

by Stephen Polaschik

The Greenbelt Concert Band of Prince Georges County reached a milestone during its Spring Concert on Sunday, May 15, at the Youth Center. The entire program was videotaped for possible telecasting in the future on one of the Cable Television Channels. The band, under the direction of John DelHomme, has been a Greenbelt cultural treasure for many years and has continually grown in its excellence during DelHomme's leadership over the past fourteen years. Other members of the director's family also contributed to Sunday's program, with son Alan performing a marimba solo and vibraphone solo and Alan's two sons assisting in the percussion and woodwind sections.

Other featured soloists included soprano soloist Charlotte Kaminski and alto saxophone soloist Caroline Cherrix. The concert's opening number featured three fanfares by the trumpet section. The program ended with a rousing march from Second Suite for Military Band. Following extra practice sessions, the musicians presented the best concert in the band's career.

Residents who appreciate good live concert band performances will have a chance to hear them at the American Legion Special Band Benefit feast on Sunday afternoon, May 22, at the American Legion Home, or at the Center Mall near the Utopia Theater on Greenbelt Day, June 6, in an afternoon Sunday concert.

Arts and Crafts Fair Has Space Available

There are a few spaces still available for artists and craftspeople in the Arts & Crafts Fair planned by the Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center for Saturday, June 4, in Roosevelt Mall (Center Mall).

A new addition to the week-end-long celebration of Greenbelt Day, the Fair will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will be under cover if it rains.

Some of the arts and crafts on display will be pottery, wood toys, drawings, photography, and needlecrafts. There will be demonstrations of wrought-iron working, quilting, wheat-weaving and calligraphy. Items will be for sale at that time as well as available later on commission.

Musical entertainment throughout the day is being planned.

A complete line of Fair participants will appear in the May 26 issue of the News Review.

Persons interested in participating in the Fair in any way may contact Eileen Peterson, 345-2454, or Barbara Kender, 474-8571.

Our Neighbors

by Eileen Peterson

Our deepest sympathy to Carol Lundregan and family on the death of her sister, Patricia Day Fann.

Maplewood Court resident Charles Mills, widely known for, among other talents, his Lion's Club activities and as husband to Gudrun, Greenbelt's City Clerk, shocked his friends by breaking a number of bones in a fall last Saturday. Charlie is recuperating at home and is wished the speediest mending.

Greenbelters Laura Millman and Rachel Turkiewicz were honored at the Tenth Annual "Breakfast of Champions" on Saturday, March 19 at the Andrews Air Force Base Officers' Club. They were recognized for being chosen as members of the All-Eastern Orchestra.

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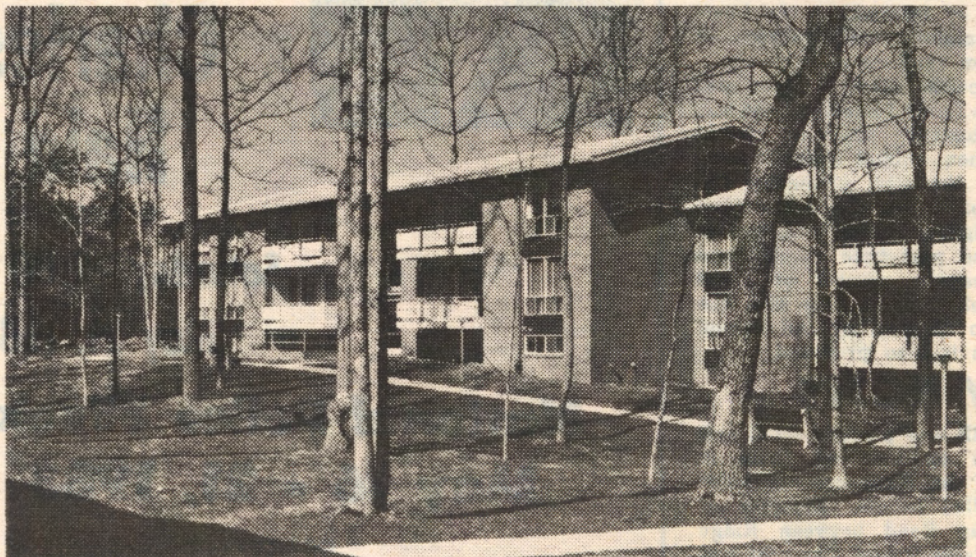
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Twigs Blossoms at Utopia

by Germaine Timmermans

A demanding rehearsal schedule and the dedication of the Greenbelt Players paid off handsomely in their Saturday evening performance of *Twigs*, a comedy by George Furth, at the Utopia Theater. The play is a series of four vignettes, each dealing with one of three daughters and the final with their parents. The action takes place in the kitchen of each family on the day before Thanksgiving.

Melanie Fishkind and Bruce Pope show us fine team work as Emily, the first daughter we see, and Frank, the head of the company that has helped her move. The refrigerator episode demonstrates this teamwork especially well and is one of the funniest moments of the play. Fishkind has gained a considerable amount of confidence on stage since her recent debut in *A Murder Has Been Arranged*.

Celia, the mentally unstable daughter who lives in the past, is sensitively portrayed by Trix Whitehall. The re-enactment of the bit part she played in a Hollywood movie and her stunned reaction after her spouse's censure are the most pathetic moments of the play. Her beer-swilling husband Phil, played by John Ward, could have been more coarse and vehement. Swede, a Thanksgiving guest, was well-portrayed by Loren Ziller. The role of Swede, one which is a total opposite to that of the scholar of the occult he played in *A Murder Has Been Arranged*, allows Ziller to show another facet of his acting ability.

Margo Tully and Charles K. Bortell do an excellent job of portraying the silver anniversary couple, Dorothy and Lou. Their rendition of the tender and playful ease with which their two characters get along demonstrates perfectly the love and friendship of this happily-married couple. Skip Pocock as Ned, a drop-in guest who is hearing impaired, plays his role with requisite humor. His solution to the problem of a dropped cake is hilarious.

Ma and Pa, the branch from which these twigs have sprouted, well-rendered by Mary Yurkovich and Tom Schreiber amuse us with the mock-crotchety affection they show each other. The various character traits their daughters possess, such as Emily's industry, can be traced back to the pair. Avrim Fishkind, as the young priest called on to perform the official wedding ceremony the couple neglected to have at the beginning of their marriage, plays the role with the right amount of inexperience.

Director Betty Xander through her very good job of casting and

directing has done much to make *Twigs* work. The simple yet effective sets and the props, of which there are many, give each kitchen a peculiar atmosphere. Costumes and make-up are well-chosen and fit the individual characters. Lighting, especially at the close of each vignette, and music, such as the use of "Eine Kleine Nachtmusik" in the Ma and Pa scene, complete the overall effect.

Twigs can be seen at the Utopia Theater on Fridays and Saturdays, May 20, 21, 27, and 28 at 8:15 p.m., and on Sunday, May 22 at 2:30 p.m. Donations are requested. For further information call 474-7763.

Public Invited to See Film Program on War

The Gray Panthers will meet Saturday, May 21 at 1:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Library. A film, "War Without Winners II," newly revised, will be shown at 1:45 p.m. This film, from the Center for Defense Information, was professionally produced by Haskell Wexler, Director of the Academy Award winner, "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," "Coming Home," and other well-known films.

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